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Missoula Nonprofit Center celebrates National Philanthropy Day with awards, reception

Missoula, MT – As part of National Philanthropy Day, the Missoula Nonprofit Center presented awards to six Missoulians at its recent event.

Mike Halligan was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award for his decades of service to the Montana community, including two decades as Executive Director of the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation.

Other awards presented were: **Outstanding Fundraising Professional: Bill Mathews**, for his outstanding fundraising work for the Montana Food Bank Network; **Outstanding Volunteer: Danielle Dimmick**, for exceptional service to the Dubbers Care Foundation; **Heart of Philanthropy Award: Matthew Strohmaier**, for his compassion in action on the Poverello Center's Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)); **Outstanding Business or Foundation: Parkside Credit Union**, for its support of numerous local nonprofits; **Outstanding Nonprofit: Homeword**, for its 30 years of strengthening housing and families in our community and statewide.

"We are excited for this opportunity to celebrate philanthropy in Missoula," said Susan Hay Patrick, CEO of United Way of Missoula County. "Nonprofits are critical to the well-being of our community, and these amazing people and organizations work for us all every day."

Allie Harrison, Missoula Nonprofit Center coordinator, said of the award-winners, "These are really the heroes of our community, and MNC is thrilled to celebrate them and publicly recognize their good work."

About MNC and United Way: The Missoula Nonprofit Center, a program of United Way of Missoula County, provides about 100 local nonprofit members with trainings, networking opportunities, information sharing, and more. United Way brings people together to identify problems and craft creative, lasting solutions that change lives and build a stronger community for everyone.

The Nov. 14 event was sponsored by Blackfoot Communications, and held at First Interstate Bank downtown.

Photos available on request.

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